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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE RADAR CONTRACT: SECURITY CLEARANCE PROBLEM

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING SENSITIVE MESSAGE TO
LOCKWOOD GREENE, ENGINEERS, INC., P.O. BOX 491,
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA 29301, TELEX 0809436,
TELEPHONE (803) 582-2351. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF
SUBSTANCE COULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF WESTINGHOUSE,
BALTIMORE WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED IN RESOLVING SECURITY CLEARANCE
PROBLEM WITH MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES. IN DISCUSSING
MATTER, DESK SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING BACKGROUND TO
REMIND ALL PARTIES THAT ACCORDING OUR UNDERSTANDING
OF WESTINGHOUSE CONTRACT, GOM INSISTED ON DIRECT
DEALINGS WITH WESTINGHOUSE ONLY. ALL SUB-CONTRACTORS
WERE TO BE TREATED AS WESTINGHOUSE EMPLOYEES (E.G.
TEAM #1, TEAM #2, ETC.). UNFORTUNATELY, LOCKWOOD-
GREENE GROUP UNBRIEFED, AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
SEPARATE SECURITY CLEARANCES UNDER OWN NAME HAS CAUSED
MASSIVE CONFUSION, RESULTING IN REMOVAL FROM ENGINEERING
WORK UNTIL CLEARANCE PROBLEM RESOLVED. PRESENCE OF
NON-PENTAGON-CLEARED THIRD NATIONALS MAY PRESENT FURTHER
PROBLEM IN MEETING VITAL EARLY WORK DEADLINES. EMBASSY
HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT BY TURNING MATTER BACK TO WESTING-
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HOUSE, LOCKWOOD-GREENE GROUP CAN BE REDECLARED AS
WESTINGHOUSE TEAM-X, RESOLVING PROBLEM PROMPTLY AND
GETTING ENGINEERS BACK TO WORK. END BACKGROUND.

2. BEGIN TEXT LOCKWOOD-GREENE MESSAGE.

ATT MESSERS J. EVANS, O. JONES AND J. ULRICH

FOLLOWING YOUR TELEX 356 AND TEL CONVERSATION WITH MR. ULRICH, I TRIED TO FIND A WAY TO PROCEED WITH PAPER WORK FOR OBTAINING MOROCCAN SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR ENZO AND MYSELF.

AMBASSADOR ANDERSON BEING OUT OF COUNTRY, MEETING WAS ORGANIZED AT US EMBASSY WITH MESSERS:

- JAY MOFFAT, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION
- D. TIMMINS, CONSELLOR EC. AFFAIRS
- R. CASPY WHO SERVED AS INTERPRETER/ADVISOR FOR WESTINGHOUSE DURING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND WHO IS NOW SETTING UP BRIEFING MEETINGS FOR JULY 10-12. HE HAS JUST RETURNED TO MOROCCO FROM US WHERE HE WAS WORKING ON THE PROGRAM.

ALL PRESENT FULLY INFORMED ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM IN MOROCCO.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS:

1. THE MOROCCAN AIR FORCE WANTS TO DEAL ON THIS PROJECT WITH ONE AND ONLY ONE PARTNER WHICH IS WESTINGHOUSE. ALL DEALINGS ARE DONE ONLY WITH MR. BAD HOFFMAN WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM.
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2. THE MOROCCAN SECURITY CLEARANCE IS DIFFICULT PROBLEM BUT (AND) COULD BE INTERPRETED AND HANDLED IN SEVERAL WAYS. IT IS NOT ADVISABLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION HERE, ON OUR OWN, WITHOUT KNOWING ALL CONTEXT (DETAILS OF CONTRACT, LEGAL ASPECTS, ETC.).

3. IDEA OF HAVING SEVERAL SUBCONTRACTORS NOT RPT NOT AGREEABLE TO MOROCCAN SIDE. THEY PREFER AND EVENTUALLY EXPECT ALL PEOPLE TO BE INTEGRATED (ASSIMILATED) AS WESTINGHOUSE PERSONNEL.

4. THE PERSONS IN CHARGE OF THIS PROGRAM ARE--ON THE MOROCCAN SIDE COL KABBAJ (BOSS) MAJ ATMANI IN MOROCCO. MAJ BADR SERVES AS LIAISON OFFICER IN US ONLY AND CANNOT HELP ON THIS PROBLEM. ON US SIDE, SOLE CONTACT IS B. HOFFMAN-WESTINGHOUSE.

5. THE KEY PEOPLE WILL BE IN MOROCCO AT THE JULY PRESENTATION, WHICH IS A VERY CLASSIFIED ONE.

RECOMMENDATION: LGE SHOULD FORMALLY CONTACT

WESTINGHOUSE AND AFTER EXPLAINING ALL ASPECTS ASK THEM
TO HANDLE PROBLEM. CONTACT SHOULD BE WITH
SHIVERS OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, MITCHELL OR COWDERY.
YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF FULL COOPERATION BY ALL OF US.
BEST REGARDS, JOHN TEODOSIU, RABAT, JULY 1, 1977. END
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